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1. ACCORDING TO FONOFF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR EGYPT, RUMORS OF AMERICAN FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY TEAM WERE APPARENTLY SET OFF IN BONN AS A RESULT OF A REPORT DONE BY AN ECONCOOPMIN OFFICIAL RETURNING FROM A MEETING IN CAIRO. FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID THAT REPORT, WHICH APPEARED ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO, RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A US DELEGATION (PROBABLY BASED ON CORRIDOR DISCUSSION) GOING TO CAIRO. FONOFF ASKED THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN CAIRO TO CONFIRM SUCH A SURPRISING REPORT WHICH THEN TRIGGERED THE APPROACHES REPORTED IN REF A.

2. EMBOFF ASSURED FONOFF THAT THE US HAD NO PLANS TO SEND A PERMANENT DELEGATION TO CAIRO. FONOFF IN TURN COMMENTED ON SADAT REQUEST FOR AN ECONOMIC ADVISER (REF B) AND AID TO EGYPT. BOTH DECISIONS HAD BEEN DELAYED BY THE GERMAN ELECTIONS BUT WOULD BE RESOLVED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. FONOFF FURTHER SPECULATED THAT SADAT MAY BELIEVE A GERMAN ADVISER COULD WORK TOGETHER WITH SCHILLER TO PUMP THE SAUDIS FOR MORE MONEY AND COULD ALSO INVOLVE THE FRG MORE DEEPLY IN AID TO EGYPT.

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